

## **B-52 DOCUMENTARY SCRIPT**

### **BROADCASTER:**

FOR MORE THAN 60 YEARS, THE B-52 STRATOFORTRESS HAS PROVED ITS INTRINSIC WORTH BY WREAKING HAVOC ON OUR ENEMIES AND STRATEGICALLY DEFENDING AMERICA FROM THREATS OF CATASTROPHIC PROPORTIONS.

THE B-52 STRATOFORTRESS, REFERRED TO AS THE BUFF, WAS DESIGNED AND DEVELOPED BY THE BOEING AIRCRAFT COMPANY, MAKING CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENTS TO THE VARIOUS MODELS.

BOEING BEGAN DEVELOPMENT IN THE EARLY 1940S AFTER THE UNITED STATES AND GREAT BRITAIN INITIATED PROGRAMS AIMED AT DEVELOPING A BOMBER THAT COULD TAKE OFF FROM BASES IN NORTH AMERICA AND DEVASTATE TARGETS IN EUROPE.

**SB:00:07**

**STAFF SERGEANT DEREK TURNER**

**WEAPONS LOADER**

I'M PRETTY SURE IT SCARES THEM CAUSE THEY KNOW IT'S A PRETTY HEAVY PAYLOAD COMING THEIR WAY, AND YOU CAN TRY TO HIDE, BUT GOOD LUCK WITH THAT.

WHEN THE B-52 ENTERED INTO SERVICE, ITS INTENDED USE WAS TO DETER AND COUNTERACT THE VAST AND MODERNIZING MILITARY OF THE SOVIET UNION.

**SB: 00:06**

**SENIOR MASTER SERGEANT ENTE**

**SUPERINTENDENT**

THE B-52 IS NUCLEAR DETERRENCE, AIRMEN TO AIRMEN, WINGTIP TO WINGTIP  
FROM THE GROUND UP.

THE B-52'S FIRST COMBAT MISSION DURING THE VIETNAM WAR WAS OPERATION  
ARC LIGHT. DURING THIS MISSION, 30 B-52FS FROM THE 9<sup>TH</sup> AND 441<sup>ST</sup>  
BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON STRUCK SOUTH VIETNAM ON JUNE 18, 1965.

**SB: 00:05**

**SENIOR MASTER SERGEANT DESPIEGELARE**

**SUPERINTENDENT**

IT'S NOT JUST SOMETHING THAT'S HERE FOR SHOW, IF IT'S EVER CALLED UPON  
IT IS READY

**SB: 00:05**

**CAPTAIN PATTERSON**

**RADAR NAVIGATOR**

IN ONE WORD TO DESCRIBE THE B-52, I WOULD SAY ADAPTABLE

**SB: 00:01**

**STAFF SERGEANT DEREK TURNER**

**LOADER**

AWESOME

**SB: 00:02**

**SRA CRESPO**

**CREW CHIEF**

I'D CALL IT CAPABLE

**SB: 00:01**

**CAPTAIN ISAAKSON**

**PILOT**

OUTSTANDING

**SB: 00:02**

**CAPTAIN BRESNAHAN**

FIREPOWER

**SB: 00:15**

**CAPTAIN BOW**

**RADAR NAVIGATOR**

AWE-INSPIRING, SEEING IT IN CLOSE IN PERSON WATCHING IT DO WHAT IT DOES, AND GETTING INSIDE OF IT AND ACTUALLY BEING ABLE TO GO AND PERFORM THAT MISSION THAT'S PRETTY AWE-INSPIRING. BOTH TO US THAT DO IT AND PEOPLE THAT GET TO SEE IT.

AS OF 2012, THERE ARE 77 B-52S THAT ARE STILL ACTIVELY IN SERVICE.

AFTER UPGRADES ARE MADE IN 2013 THROUGH 2015, THE B-52 IS ESTIMATED TO  
STAY IN SERVICE INTO THE 2040S.